

MEETING SUMMARY
FOREST MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING (FMAC)

Michigan United Conservation Clubs
2101 Wood Street
Lansing, Michigan
Wednesday, January 17, 2007
1 p.m.

FMAC Members Present

Mr. William "Bill" Bobier, Earthscape Resource Management
Mr. Joel Blohm, Great Northern Lumber of Michigan
Ms. Lynne Boyd, Department of Natural Resources,
Forest, Mineral, and Fire Management (FMFM)
Mr. William "Bill" Cook, Michigan State University (MSU) Extension
Ms. Margaret "Peg" Gale, Michigan Technological University
Mr. Desmond Jones, Michigan Tree Farm System
Mr. Dan Keathley, Michigan State University
Mr. William "Bill" Manson, Michigan Snowmobile Association
Mr. Frank Ruswick, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)
Mr. Warren Suchovsky, Suchovsky Logging
Mr. Stephen Shine, Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA) for Gordon Wenk
Mr. Sam Washington, Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC)

FMAC Members Absent

Mr. Thomas Dunn, American Motorcycle Association
Mr. Mark Janke, Janke Consulting
Ms. Susan Holben, Michigan Economic Development Corporation
Mr. Gordon Wenk, MDA
Ms. Anne Woiwode, Sierra Club Mackinac Chapter

FMAC COMMITTEE ADVISORS PRESENT

Mr. Jerry Bird, USDA Forest Service, for Leanne Marten, USDA Forest Service

PUBLIC ATTENDEES/GUESTS

Mr. Tom Ward, United States Department of Agriculture
Mr. George Berghorn, Michigan Forest Products Council, for Mr. Leland Crawford,
International Paper

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES (DNR) STAFF PRESENT

Ms. Cara Boucher, FMFM
Ms. Kerry Gray, FMFM
Ms. Donna LaCourt, FMFM
Mr. Larry Pedersen, FMFM
Mr. Joe Taylor, FMFM
Ms. Sandy Simpson, FMFM

Lynne Boyd called meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. and introduced the new State Forester/Assistant Chief, Donna LaCourt. Member introductions were made.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Lynne Boyd provided overview of agenda items.

MOTION: **Lynne Boyd** moved to adopt the meeting agenda. Supported by **Desmond Jones**. Motion carried.

ADOPTION OF MEETING SUMMARY

MOTION: **Frank Ruswick** moved to adopt the Wednesday, December 13, 2006 meeting Summary. Supported by **Warren Suchovsky**. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ESTIMATING TIMBER REVENUES

Members were provided budget handouts prepared by DNR staff. Discussion ensued regarding the forest timber revenue projections and overall budget issues. The Forest Development Fund (FDF) has a projected deficit of \$5.8m for fiscal year 2007; revenues have not kept pace with expenditure increases. Fund balances for Game and Fish, Forest Recreation and Forestland User funds were also discussed. DNR staff explained the legislative funding switches that have occurred over the last several years and restricted funding issues. The funding sources for the Forest Fire Protection Program including FDF and the General Fund's diminishing support were also reviewed.

Peg Gale discussed the outline she provided entitled *Controls on Revenue Fluctuations*. **Peg Gale, Warren Suchovsky, and Dan Keathley** will create a one-page document for timber revenue projections for review by the members at its March 7, 2007 meeting.

Larry Pedersen discussed the objectives for timber revenue projections and the revenue bidding projection processes. Discussion ensued.

DNR Staff reported that FMFM does not base its projections on a sale-by-sale basis and differentiated between the timber sale management process and the revenue projection process. DNR staff is seeking input from the members for the best method for estimating revenues. **Cara Boucher** explained stumpage reports and that the stumpage reports are used as a base to start bids. Members discussed volume and cost factors.

Donna LaCourt will review data for market projections and present for discussion at the March 7 meeting.

Lynne Boyd reminded members the Conservation Summit takes the place of the February meeting and to make sure they contacted Teresa Gloden of their intent to participate by January 26. **Lynne Boyd** stated Tom Clay is presenting at the Summit and will provide link of his presentation to members. Members were informed that meeting materials for the Michigan Conservation Summit (Summit) scheduled on February 7 with be provided the day of the Summit and will include the entire DNR budget.

Leanne Marten to contact Mr. Mark Knaebe, USFS Forest Products Laboratory, for the April 4, 2007 meeting.

March agenda items for discussion:

- Timber projections
- Presentation by Todd Parker, Delta Institute (confirmed)
- Public participation process (input)
- Review top priorities/Schedule meeting locations per priorities
- David Skole, assisting MSU in joining the Chicago Climate Exchange

NEXT MEETINGS

Wednesday, February 7, 2007
Michigan Conservation Summit
Lansing Center
333 East Michigan Avenue
Lansing
9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Wednesday, March 7, 2007
Michigan United Conservation Clubs
2101 Wood Street
Lansing
1 p.m. – 4 p.m.

ADJOURN

MOTION: **Warren Suchovsky** moved to adjourn, supported by **Peg Gale**.
Motion carried

Meeting adjourned at 4 p.m.